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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SEEKS TO RECONCILE HISTADRUT AT JOINT LABOR-
GOVERNMENT MEETING

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1. PRIME MINISTER AND KEY CABINET MEMBERS MET WITH HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE NOVEMBER 11 PLEADING FOR RECONCILIATION AND COOPERATION ON PACKAGE DEAL TO REFORM CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES; ESTABLISH ARBITRATION OF CIVIL SERVICE LABOR CONFLICTS; AND IMPOSE TEMPORARY PRICE-WAGE CONTROLS. NEGOTIATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

2. HISTADRUT AT FIRST APPEARED RELUCTANT TO COMMIT ITSELF WITHOUT SPECIFIC ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE OVERRIDDEN. HOWEVER, IT ADOPTED A MORE ACCOMMODATING POSITION AT AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 12 AND APPEALED TO ALL WORKERS TO REFRAIN FROM STRIKES AND PROTESTS. IT JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN WARNING OF IMPENDING ECONOMIC CRISIS AND SAID THAT INDUSTRIAL PEACE WAS NECESSARY FOR CREATING A CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATING CLIMATE.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT PRODUCED ANOTHER
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NEAR CRISIS WHEN IT SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 10

THAT IT WOULD BE UNABLE TO PAY CIVIL AVIATION EMPLOYEES
A "PRODUCTIVITY BONUS" OF IL 350 PER MONTH AFTER HAVING
SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO DO SO. HOWEVER, IN A REPORTEDLY
STORMY CABINET MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12 IT REACHED A
TYPICALLY ISRAELI COMPROMISE SOLUTION, PROMISING FIRST TO
REMOVE THE CIVIL AVIATION EMPLOYEES FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE
BY CREATING A SPECIAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND THEN TO GRANT
THEM THE PROMISED BONUS.

4. COMMENT: IT REMAINS FAR FROM CERTAIN WHETHER THIS
DECISION WILL, IN EFFECT, CALM THE PRESENT LABOR RELATIONS
CLIMATE. UNDOUBTEDLY THIS LATEST COMPROMISE WILL BE USED
ONCE AGAIN AS A PRECEDENT FOR ENCOURAGING NEW DEMANDS BY
OTHER AGGRIEVED GROUPS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE. THUS DESPITE
THE HISTADRUT'S AND GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE,
PROTESTS AND STRIKES MAY WELL CONTINUE UNTIL NEW COMPROMISE
AGREEMENTS CAN BE REACHED WITH BOTH THE GOVERNMENT'S AND
THE HISTADRUT'S PRESTIGE AT STAKE. TOON

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